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**The International Sculpture Center Announces the  
2008 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture  
Award Competition Winners**

**Fourteen winners selected from more than 401 faculty-sponsored nominees representing over 162 colleges and universities around the world.**

**An awards presentation honoring the winners will be held on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Hamilton, NJ, June 6, 2008** -- The International Sculpture Center, the world's leading non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement, creation and understanding of sculpture and its unique contributions to society today announced the winners of its **2008 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Awards** competition. This year, 12 talented students were selected from among 401 faculty-sponsored nominees representing more than 162 art departments at colleges and universities around the world.

Established in 1994, the International Sculpture Center's **Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Awards** competition was created for the recognition and advancement of college and graduate student's excellence in sculpture. In partnership with educational institutions around the world, the educational outreach awards program encourages faculty members through a nomination process to sponsor students demonstrating exceptional talent in the contemporary art field. Mary Ceruti, Director The Sculpture Center, Long Island, New York; Dennis Oppenheim, sculptor, New York; and Robert Roesch, Chair of Sculpture at the Academy of Fine Art, Philadelphia, PA, served as the panel of judges that selected the 12 winners and 9 honorable mentions at this year's competition.

The International Sculpture Center will honor this year's winners at its annual awards presentation and private reception showcasing their sculpture works at the Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton, NJ. The show will run from October 11, 2008 to April 26, 2009. Winners will receive a biographical profile and photograph of their work featured in *Sculpture* magazine; a chance to win a Residency in Switzerland and study with distinguished sculptor Heinz Aeschlimann; inclusion of their award-winning sculpture works published in a color Fall/Winter exhibition catalogue sponsored by the Grounds for Sculpture; and a free one year membership with the ISC.

"Each year the caliber of these emerging artists reaches a new level," said Johannah Hutchison, Executive Director at the International Sculpture Center. "This year was no exception, giving the jury a tall task in picking these deserving winners. The work was excellent, a testament to the students, faculty, and the schools' sculpture departments."

## 2008 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award Winners:

- Justin Beckman - *Homestead* - Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA; Faculty Sponsor: Donna Stack
- Bernadette Birzer - *Portrait of U.S.* - University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS; Faculty Sponsor: Laura Prange
- Daniel A. Bruce - *Compost* - Tyler School of Art, Elkins Park, PA; Faculty Sponsor: Jude Tallichet
- Samantha Doan - *Home Intervention: The Living Inside* - Miami University, Oxford, OH; Faculty Sponsor: Sara Young
- Peter Goff - *Mark-Shade-Spray, Listen-Clean-Stop* and *Chew-Drive-Comb* - University of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC; Faculty Sponsor: Billy Lee
- Jordan Griska - *Ad Infinitum* - Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA; Faculty Sponsor: Robert Roesch
- Dennis Harper - *Fermata* - University of Houston, Houston, TX; Faculty Sponsor: Paul Kittelson
- Benjamin Hunt - *Frameworks & Foundations* - San José State University, San José, CA; Faculty Sponsor: Linda Walsh
- Myeongbeom Kim - *Untitled* - School of The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL; Faculty Sponsor: Jose Ferreria
- Chika Matsuda - *Polar Bear and Microwave* - University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ; Faculty Sponsor: James A. Cook
- Kimberly Walker - *Whale and Sail* - Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI; Faculty Sponsor: Dean Snyder
- Shai Zurim - *Umbrella* - School of Visual Arts, New York, NY; Faculty Sponsor: Stephen Maine